

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1326
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Steven W. Buttry on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Steven W. Buttry's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2004 Session of the 103rd General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Buttry has for several years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic circles of Knoxville and Knox County; he has served his constituents in numerous capacities by always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1998, the good people of House District 18 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Steven W. Buttry by electing him as their representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his three terms in the House of Representatives, Representative Buttry has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, presently serving as Treasurer of the House Republican Caucus, Representative Buttry is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned respect and admiration for the outstanding contributions he has made as a member of

the Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, the Transportation Committee, the Children and Family Committee, the Domestic Relations Subcommittee, and the Public Transportation and Highways Subcommittee, which he has served expertly as Vice Chairman; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Steven W. Buttry was named Chairman of the Knox County delegation, and he has served with distinction in that important leadership position; he is currently Vice Chair of the Knox County Republican Party and a former Chair of the Knox County Young Republicans; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship, Representative Buttry has served as a valuable member of many civic and governmental organizations, including Sertoma of Knoxville, B.P.O.E. Knoxville Lodge 160, the Tennessee Young Republican Federation, Pi Kappa Alpha, the American Legislative Exchange Council, the National Association of Sportsmen Legislators, the National Conference of State Legislators, the West Knoxville Republican Club, and the Knox County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, born in Sneedville, Tennessee in 1970, Representative Buttry obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Steven Buttry is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Cindy; together they are the proud parents of Zachary Steven Buttry; and

WHEREAS, Representative Buttry's announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly has cast a pallid shadow on his fellow lawmakers, Democrats, and Republicans alike; his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 18; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Representative Steven W. Buttry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Steven W. Buttry on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Knoxville and Knox County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Steven W. Buttry our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Steven W. Buttry as a token of our esteem.